

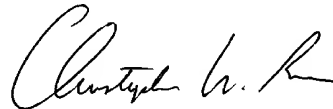
**REMARKS**

Claims 44, 45, 58 and 59 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, and following the decision rendered by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, Applicants hereby cancel claims 1, 3-16, 18-22, 24-26, 28-43, 46-57 and 60-61. Claims 44, 45, 58 and 59 remain in the application.

Furthermore, as claims 44, 45, 58 and 59 were previously indicated to be in condition for allowance, Applicants respectfully request claims 44, 45, 58 and 59 of the above-identified application be passed to issue in accordance with the procedure outlined in MPEP §1214.06 II.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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